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BIOSPHERE RESERVE PROJECTS IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing Biosphere Reserves Projects in Orissa;

(b) the amount spent thereon, so far; and

(c) the progress of these projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

(SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a) Similipal is the only designated Biosphere Reserve in Orissa.

(b) The Government of Orissa has spent an amount of Rs.38.09 lakhs in Similipal Biosphere Reserve under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Biosphere Reserve during the period 1995 to March, 2000.

(c) State Government has undertaken various activities in 69 villages of the Biosphere Reserve.These include Eco-development programmes, Social Welfare activities, Environmental Education, maintenance of Orchid Centres, and establishment of Medicinal Plants garden.